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TRUE NOBILITY.

BY WILLIAM EDWARD KNOWLES.

Who are the great, that boast a name

Superior to the poor of earth—

Ask rather how their honors came—

Whether by toil, or sudden birth.

The crown that shines with jeweled light,

Tinted by toil or sudden birth,

May rest in their king's high light,

Yet grief and pain will claim their share.

Ah, they're the nobles of the earth,

Who scorn the fetters of the slave;

Who, changing to a higher birth,

Gird on the armor honor gave.

When they are arrayed from duty's path,

By kindly words, or tyrant force,

But with a pride learn the truth's

Of monarchs, mean to crush them down.

Who, then, will wear a lovely line

A kindly race of brother men?

Who, if falls their golden mine,

Will be but one of us again?

Not rather mock the great and good,

Their deeds divine of higher birth;

That all, linked in one brotherhood,

May be the true nobility of earth?

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MARK SUTHERLAND.

BY KENNA D. R. SOUTHWORTH.

CHAP. XIV.

But here upon this earth below,

There's not a spot where you and I

Together for an hour could breathe.

It was impossible that the dissonant elements of social life assembled at Ashley Hall could harmonize for an instant. Of the family party gathered around the breakfast table, the pale, beautiful, blind woman, who had been the center of the party, was now the center of the party.

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loggers in our streets, or suffer our properties

to be the prey of their pillage? For men ac-

customed to slavery will not work for a liveli-

hood, when not compelled. And what is there

so terrible in the present condition of the

Woe? They are not slaves in their own country.

"Are not Spain, Portugal, France, and the

Italian States governed by despots, who hold

all their subjects in slavery, without exception?

Even England treats its sailors as slaves, for

they are, whenever the Government pleases,

seized, and confined in ships of war, com-

manded to work, but to fight, for small wages,

or to be sent to the gallies, instead of sailing

at home, as they are allowed by us. Is their con-

dition, then, made worse by their falling into our

hands? No; they have only exchanged one slavery

for another, and I may say, a better, for here they

are brought into a land where the sun of lib-

erty gives forth its light, and shines in full

splendor, and they have an opportunity of

themselves acquainted with the true doc-

trine, and thereby saving their souls from the

hands of the devil. Those who remain at home

have no such opportunity. Sending the slaves

home, would be to send them into darkness.

I repeat the question, What is to be done

with these, who have been brought into a

land where they may be planted in the wilder-

ness, where there is plenty of land for them to

subside on, and where they may flourish as a

free State? I answer, that they are to be

taught, and to be clothed in the mantle of

liberty, and to be made free men, as well as

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of slaves, on the plantations of those who had

bought them, has occurred. The slave who

mentioned as having run by the English

into Cardenas bay, after discharging his

arms, set fire to the vessel, instead of sailing

the flames being seen by the English,

they despatched boats to assist the burning

vessel, and discovered the game that had

been played. Information was given to the

Captain General, at once, and, march being

made, the captain of the vessel seized, and the

owners implicated, the matter was com-

promised by giving up three hundred negroes

to the mixed commission. This mixed com-

mission, at once, and, march being made,

as you are probably aware, is made up of

English and Spanish judges, and sits here at

the Havana to determine slave cases. The

"concepciones," as they are called, or negroes

set free by the court, instead of sailing

for a term of eight years, in the island, at the

end of which time they are set free, either

to be carried back to Africa, or to one of the

English islands, to be sold to the English.

As the unfortunate men are generally cap-

tives of war, it would be impossible to restore

them to their own country, which, in many cases

being in the interior, could only be reached by

travelling through the territory of the enemies

they owed their loss of liberty. This by the

way, General Canedo, who, as I mentioned

before, is now expecting his recall, may have

wished, by this act, to convey a message to

the English, to discontinue the insurrections

thrown out against him, of favoring the

slave trade. He has at least aroused

himself against the hostility of the English,

and has shown that he is not a coward.

But, in the meantime, the English

have been successful in their mission, and

have secured the release of the slaves.

Why, then, do our captains to the incon-

venience of holding their colors, merely because

a foreigner is looking after pirates?

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